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KITCHEN BARBECUE... To be shown at this week's HERALD-sponsored Cook-O-Rama is the new gas range with built-in refrigerator. It performs the function of a barbecue in the kitchen. Shown above is Margie Ewen, home economist, who will demonstrate the oven at the show in the Civic Auditorium on Thursday and Friday.

## Free Cooking School Readied

The stage is all set for the 1956 Cook-O-Rama, free cooking school to be conducted in the Civic Auditorium here Thursday and Friday afternoons under the auspices of the Torrance HERALD and the Southern California Gas Co. Co-sponsoring this year's show is the Torrance Recreation Department, who is arranging the entertainment for the two days.

Mrs. Margie Ewen, outstanding Southern California home economist, will conduct the two-day school, putting special emphasis on the new phases of cookery such as the roll-over broiler, top burner heat control, and other recent innovations. Recipes and on-the-spot demonstrations of the latest techniques in such cooking will be featured at the free show on the two days.

"Every woman can be a Mrs. America in her home. It's a matter of organization, planning, and efficient execution of household duties so there will be plenty of time to give to the family," Mrs. Ewen declared.

Her reference to "Mrs. America" is timely inasmuch as the district finals in the Mrs. America contest will be held in the Civic Auditorium Wednesday night as a prelude to the HERALD-Gas Company Cook-O-Rama.

Participating gas dealers in the show include Baker's Furniture and Appliance, Frank's Furniture Store, Liberty Home Appliance Co., and Torrance Heating and Appliance.

Other merchants participating in the prizes to be offered during both days of the show include Benson's Dress Shop, Firestone Stores, Gallenkamp Shoes, Gary's Jewelers, Guy's 'n' Dolls, Jansson's Sewing Center, Ladner's Garden Shop, Lawson's Jewelers, National Home Appliance, Parish Stationers, Roth's Markets, and Vakkay Yardage Center.

Climax of the free cooking classes Friday will be the awarding of a gas range of her choice to one of the participants at the show.

"Latest models of most anything seem to fascinate Southern Californians and the new automatic clothes dryers appear to be getting lots of attention," Mrs. Ewen said in announcing that she would add a demonstration of the new gas clothes dryer to the cooking classes.

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## Drale to Revive Issue on Roads

A proposal to improve Torrance streets will headline tomorrow's City Council meeting, which gets underway at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Introduced by Councilman Nick Drale at last week's session, the proposal is expected to be seconded tomorrow.

Drale, in introducing the measure, pointed out his belief that the city has been difficult to approach for years, due to the manner in which streets were laid out when the city was founded.

He continued by saying that "until Western Ave. was cut through much of the Los Angeles traffic traveling south was forced to make its way through Torrance and down Arlington Ave. Most every stranger had to stop and ask someone the way out of town."

His proposal included the following improvement points:

1. Dominguez St. should be widened and improved from Sartori St. to Crenshaw Blvd., and Sartori paved its full width from its junction with Dominguez to Torrance Blvd.

2. No time should be lost in opening Arlington Ave. from 190th St. to 203rd St. and in improving Arlington Ave. from 30th St. to Sartori Ave.

3. Carson St. should be extended from Madrona Ave. to the Anza freeway or Redondo Beach.

4. Opening of Calle Mayor from 101 Highway to Sepulveda Blvd.

5. Work to have Hawthorne Blvd. extended through Palms Verde hills to Mariland and the adjacent area.

6. Torrance Blvd. should be improved, widened and paved from Western Ave. to Sartori.

7. We should work to have Torrance Blvd. improved east of Western Ave. to Normandie Ave., in the City of Los Angeles, to keep pace with the increasing growth and traffic in our city.

8. Sepulveda Blvd. should be widened through Torrance.

9. Widening of Crenshaw Blvd. between Dominguez and Carson Sts.

Drale added that the city cannot change the layout of its streets, but it does need a major project to improve them. He proposed the improvements also

## City Sued For 25 Gs

Martha E. Riggle, 2535 Eldorado, charged city negligence in a \$25,734 personal injury damage suit filed against the city in Long Beach Superior Court last week.

She charges that she suffered multiple injuries last May when she slipped on a one-step landing after inspecting zoning maps in the City Council chambers.

The suit charges that the city was negligent in maintaining the step in a safe condition.



AN UPHILL FIGHT... Driver of this vehicle was in for a few jumpy moments here Saturday afternoon as the lunch wagon rounded a corner into a driveway near 190th St. and Hawthorne—at least he rounded the corner part way. The driver, identified only by the sign on the lunch wagon door which read "Call Me Maury," was unharmed and got the vehicle down in a matter of seconds.

## Youth Admits Killing

An 18-year-old soldier, being held for five armed robberies and the shooting of a Lomita service station owner, admitted last week that he had killed another service station operator in East Los Angeles during one of his forays.

Don Helen of Norwalk told Deputy Sheriffs he committed the robberies to get money for heroin. He confessed that he was an addict.

The youth, AWOL from Fort Ord, told officers that on Jan. 31, he killed Owen Douglas, attendant at a service station at Whittier Blvd. and Rosemead Ave. when Douglas attempted to pull a revolver and defend himself.

Last Monday Helen shot Lowden Booth, 35, 2351 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, during an attempted robbery. Witnesses remembered the license number of the car he was driving and deputies arrested him at his Norwalk home on Tuesday.

(Herald Photo)

## Chamber Group To Hear Gas Co. Talk Tomorrow

John Baird, special consultant for the Southern California Gas Co., will be guest speaker at the Chamber's breakfast meeting tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the YWCA building. Candidates for the Torrance City Council have been invited to attend this meeting and will be introduced by Fred W. Hill and Dr. Gerald M. Eastman, co-chairmen of this meeting, state that no candidates will be allowed to make any public utterances.

Because of the interest in the forthcoming election, all candidates have been invited to attend and be introduced for the benefit of those present.

Special feature of the program will be organ music played as a tribute to the first day of spring which is date of this breakfast meeting.

Baird, recognized as one of the South's leading speakers, will discuss "Panhandle to the San Joaquin." He is featured on both radio and television and currently is heard Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m. on KABC. Reservations may be made now for this "first day of spring meeting" by calling the Chamber of Commerce.

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## AT LACKLAND... Danny Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Martin, 1448 W. 216th St., a January graduate of Yarbrough High School, is in Air Force training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.



GETTING READY... Harbor District Explorer Scouts are busy getting their uniforms in shape for Friday's Harbor Hop at Civic Auditorium, El Prado St. and Cravens Ave. Dance will be for Explorers in the district and their dates. Here, left to right, Sherboan Swift, and Diana Lopez watch while Charles Johnson has his tie adjusted by Darlene Forgeron.

## Moose Observe 32nd Birthday

Torrance Lodge 785, Loyal Order of Moose, is celebrating its 32nd anniversary this week.

Four meetings will be held at the Moose Hall during the week to honor the anniversary. Tomorrow evening, March 20, will be Scout Night. Boy Scouts Post 315 and 315X, both Moose sponsored, will present a show demonstrating their proficiency in their crafts. This Friday, March 23, a social evening will be held.

On Saturday, March 24, an Anniversary Dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and on Sunday at 2:30, an afternoon program will be presented.

James B. West, regional director; Don Courtney, deputy district; and the Governor, Mayor Albert Isen, and other civic leaders will be present.

The public is invited to attend all four meetings.

The Torrance Moose Lodge was founded on March 19, 1924 with 68 charter members.

Past Governors still active in the lodge are, Jacob Lepkin, A. H. Bartlett, Thomas Wilkes, Harry Raymond, J. H. Johnston, Alvin K. Hill, Dan Desmond, M. F. McArthur, and George Powell.

The present Governor is Stanley Heiman.

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